

INTERVIEW REQUESTED

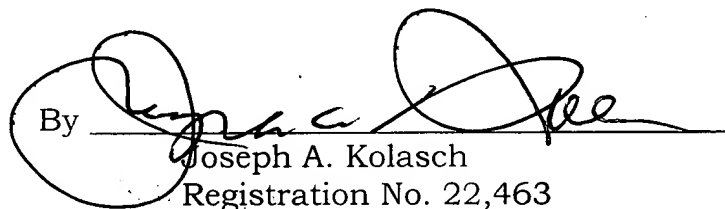
Upon entry and full consideration of the Amendment After Final Rejection filed on June 12, 2002, if the Amendment After Final Rejection does not place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong (Registration No. 40,953) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, prior to issuance of an Office Action, to schedule a personal interview with Applicant's representative in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASH & BIRCH, LLP

By



Joseph A. Kolasch
Registration No. 22,463

P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, VA 22032-0747
(703) 205-8000

JAC
JAK/EHC:lmh